

EXPLORE



What to Know:

A Pelham Hometown Christmas

Where:

Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena

Parade Route:

PCC Parking lot to Highway 31 North; Right on Highway 119; Right on State Park Road; Right on Amphitheater Road

Schedule

3:30 pm - Sponsor Row opens
5:00 pm - Parade begins
6:30 pm - Tree lighting
6:45 pm - Family fun at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena

CHRISTMAS JOY

Parade and Tree Lighting Set for December 10

When the first city-wide Christmas celebration was an overwhelming success, organizers set out to build on the momentum. A Pelham Hometown Christmas, which includes a parade, tree lighting, and family fun, is Saturday, December 10 at Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Rick Wash, a Pelham City Council member and co-founder of Pelham Strong, said last year's partnership with the City of Pelham was just the start of "many great things to come" for the community.

Chad Leverett of Pelham Strong said he's excited about a bigger parade and new activities. "We increased the parade size from 40 floats to 55 this year. We are adding a social media photo booth, as well as a sponsor row that will open at 3:30 pm with kids' activities." After the parade, a short tree lighting ceremony will be held. Families will then have a chance to enjoy free ice skating inside the arena, free cookies, cider, and hot chocolate, grab the annual Pelham Christmas ornament, and take photos with Santa. The parade theme is "Christmas Movies."

Leverett said there's no other single event in Pelham that draws this number of people. "We estimate approximately 7,000 to 10,000 people were along the parade route last year." The parade begins at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena and will proceed to Highway 31 North to Highway 119. It will turn onto State Park Road before ending on Amphitheater Road. Leverett said a less crowded parade viewing area might be found along State Park Road.

[Click here](#) to read more about A Pelham Hometown Christmas, how you can participate in a Toy Drive, and future events Pelham Strong is planning.



Holidays on Ice

If you love the holidays and are looking for ways to make special memories with family and friends, make plans now to attend the Pelham Skate School and Aspire Academy Holiday on Ice show. This long-standing community tradition is scheduled for Sunday, December 18, 2022, with two performances, a 2:30 pm matinee, and a 6:00 pm evening show. The event will be held at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.



Director of Skating Susie Gray said spectators can expect a beautiful show with numbers that are fun, emotional, and full of joy. The theme of this year's show is "Holidays at the Movies", and features over 100 performers. "We are utilizing storylines from well-known holiday movies, beginning with Frozen, and then transitioning to The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, Elf, Polar Express, and The Nutcracker. Our choreographers will retell the stories in new and fascinating ways through the beauty of figure skating."



Performers range from highly experienced to the smallest beginner skaters. "Our experienced skaters are not only talented in their sport, but they are also all gifted actors and many have achieved national recognition in Theatre on Ice and showcase skating," Gray explained. "The beginners range from our sweetest little skaters to adult skaters who are new to the sport. This group always steals the show because of the pure joy and enthusiasm they bring, and that's what this is all about - sharing the pure love of skating with all." For the first time this year, Pelham Hockey will participate. "Our coaches, along with other members of our staff from every department are working together to create a show the likes of which Pelham hasn't seen for years on the ice."



Some of the more experienced skaters have competed nationally at the Championship Series, and internationally. Several are gold medalists with U.S. Figure Skating Association. Gray said, "The show features five soloists and 14 additional skaters will be highlighted with featured spots. Each skater earns these spots based upon their USFSA test level or comparative skill set in USA Hockey. All members are the Birmingham Figure Skating Club and the U.S. Figure Skating Association."

Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children. They can be purchased at the Box Office or [online at Ticketmaster](#).



**Pelham
Civic Complex
& Ice Arena**



Stuff the Sleigh with Holiday Cheer

The holiday season is a joyful time, but for many families, it's another reminder of the financial struggles they face to provide the necessities like food and clothing. The Pelham Public Library is hoping to relieve some of that stress and help local families in need through the Stuff the Sleigh donation drive. From now until December 10, 2022, the Library will serve as a drop-off point for non-perishable foods, clothing, toys, and baby items. Monetary donations will also be collected to purchase additional items.

Library Assistant Donna Robinson is the driving force behind Stuff the Sleigh. She said the non-perishable food items will be donated to Life Church Ministry located right here in Pelham. The toys will be donated to the Pelham Hometown Christmas Toy Drive. The remaining items such as clothing will be donated to Oak Mountain Ministries. "Life Church Ministry was selected because of their presence in the Pelham community and their consistent promotion of service, love, and kindness. Pelham Hometown Christmas, which is presented by Pelham Strong and the City of Pelham, was selected because Pelham Public Library supports their partnership and the notion of a united community serving the needs of the city. Oak Mountain Ministries was selected because they are a staple in Pelham, and have been helping and supporting the community since 2001."

Robinson said she wanted to continue the Stuff the Sleigh effort because last year's inaugural campaign was so successful. "The Library patrons willingly contributed, and Pelham Public Library donated approximately 15 boxes of collected food items, toys, and money. It was a huge success."

For Robinson, giving and volunteering are extensions of service. "I pitched the idea of a toy drive, and my coworkers were more than willing to support the idea, as well as donate their time and talent. I am truly grateful for my Pelham Public Library family," said Robinson. She spoke about how the demands of the holiday season impact some more than others and quoted author Damian Barr by saying, "We may all be in the same storm, but we are not all in the same boat."

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HAPPENING IN PELHAM



FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 25

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Iron Bowl Mixer

Join the rivalry at Pelham Racquet Club. Adults and Juniors; Format: Doubles. Dress in your favorite team colors.

\$20.00 per person/Meal included
Call 205-621-3380

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 25

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

#OptOutside Black Friday Hike

Spend your Black Friday outside at Oak Mountain State Park. Meet at North Trailhead. Beginner-level hike.

Free with paid park admission.
[More information available here.](#)

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 8

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Pelham Garden Club

Learn about indoor Christmas plants and how to care for them. Potluck lunch. Door prize: greenery mailbox cover handmade by florist Suzy Smith.

Free - All ages welcome.
Pelham Public Library. Call 205-620-6418

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 8

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Bright Star Touring Theatre Presents: Christmas with Santa

Bring the kids to the Pelham Public Library to see this fun-filled holiday show!

Free - All ages are welcome.
Call 205-620-6418 for more information.

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 10

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Reindeer Games Team Event

Come out to the Pelham Tennis Center for the Reindeer Games Team Event. Sign up as an individual, and teams will be randomly selected.

\$45/members, \$55/non-members. Meal and gift included.
Call 205-621-3380

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 11

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Themed Public Skate: Favorite Holiday

Hit the ice at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Be sure to come dressed to celebrate your favorite holiday (or combine a few!).

\$10 per person (\$8 for admission, \$2 for skate rental).
Call 205-620-6448

Holiday Parent Getaway

Hosted By
Pelham Parks & Recreation

Do Santa's helpers need a little more time during the busy holiday season? Let the kids spend some time at the Rec Center so you can make sure your list is checked twice!

Tuesday, December 20, 2022
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Ages 7-12

\$15/child - Lunch provided
Call 205-620-6426, or
[email Christian Holler](#)





MONDAY | DECEMBER 12

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Crafting Together

Pelham Senior Center. Join your friends to create a beautiful craft. Call for pricing and to register.

Ages 55+

For more information, call 205-620-6064

TUESDAY-THURSDAY | DECEMBER 20-22

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Junior Christmas Camps

School's out, so sharpen your tennis game at Pelham Racquet Club. Intermediate/Advanced Jr. - 9:00 am - 11:00 am; Beginner Jr. - 11:00am - 2:00pm

\$115 per week/\$45 per day

Call 205-621-3380 for more information and to sign up.

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 13

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Christmas Crafting for Little Ones

Pelham Rec Center. Create 2-3 different Christmas crafts using paint, markers, glue, and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space limited.

\$5 per child / Ages 3-5

Online or in-person registration. 205-620-6426

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 23

6:15 PM - 8:15 PM

Themed Public Skate: Ugly Christmas Sweater

Hit the ice at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Be sure to come dressed in your ugliest Christmas sweater!

\$10 per person (\$8 for admission, \$2 for skate rental).

Call 205-620-6448



SANTA STOPS

The Pelham Fire Department will escort Santa Claus around Pelham on Christmas Eve.

[See the complete schedule here!](#)



TAKE NOTE

This edition of the City of Pelham E-Newsletter is the last of the year.

Please look for the next E-Newsletter in your inbox during the first week of January 2023.